

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Thousands of our beloved children are reported missing each day in America; and,

Whereas, Many of these are victimized by human trafficking, child pornography and child prostitution; and,

Whereas, Each missing child represents a loss of hope, potential, love and spirit for a community and a nation; and,

Whereas, Those who prey on our children will continue to do so unless we, as a people, demonstrate our will to stand strong and together to protect our children; and,

Whereas, The AMBER Alert system integrates law enforcement, media and our people in response to reports of abducted children believed to be in eminent risk of harm or death; and,

Whereas, The system, officially called America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response, was named in honor of Amber Hagerman, a wonderful and much loved nine-year-old kidnapped in broad daylight on January 13, 1996, and foully murdered; and,

Whereas, The AMBER Alert system provides local, regional and nationwide recovery strategies for missing children believed to be abducted and in grave danger; and,

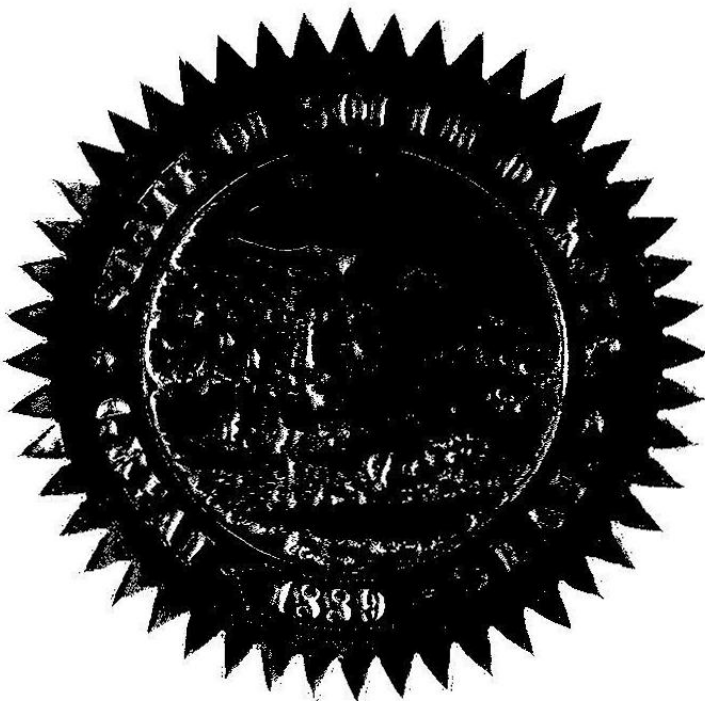
Whereas, To date, the AMBER Alert system is responsible for or assisted in the recovery of 307 children; and,

Whereas, The AMBER Alert system represents the best hope for recovery of abducted children believed to be in grave danger, and thus for restoration of hope, potential, love and spirit to America's families and communities:

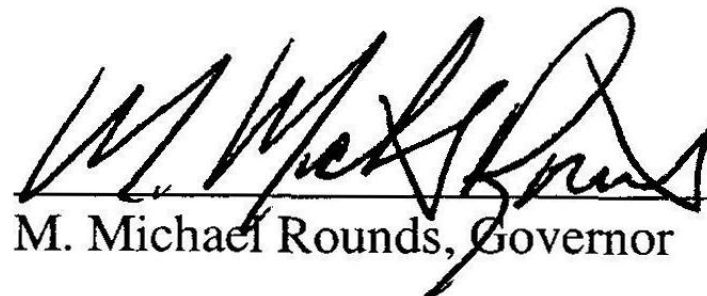
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2007, as

AMBER ALERT DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State